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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/644,601	Applicant(s) MASKET, SAMUEL	
	Examiner Michael Thaler	Art Unit 3731	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Applicant's election with traverse of Invention I in the reply filed on March 19, 2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that all claims can be searched and examined without serious burden to the examiner. This is not found persuasive because all claims cannot be searched and examined without serious burden to the examiner. The search for the method claims is not coextensive with the search for the apparatus claims. For example, the search for the method claims would include method of use subclasses such as 128/898 while the search for the apparatus claims would not.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 16-22 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on March 19, 2007.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 6, 8-11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Schmidt (4,600,008). Schmidt, in figures 7-9, for example, discloses component 54 (which is inherently capable of making a mark on a lens capsule by pressing on it to make a physical impression or indentation on it) and delivery mechanism 52, 48 which is inherently capable of being inserted into an anterior chamber of an eye (when the component 54 is retracted therein as shown in figure 9) due to the small size of the delivery mechanism relative to the size of the eye as seen in figure 3. Alternatively, it would have been obvious that component 54 is capable of making a mark on a lens capsule by pressing on it since this action would apparently make a physical impression or indentation on it.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidt (4,600,008). Schmidt fails to

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disclose the retraction/extension mechanism as being screw-type. However, it is old and well known in the art to make a retraction/extension mechanism of a medical instrument screw-type (as admitted by applicant on page 10, lines 8-11 of applicant's specification) in order to obtain the well known advantage of very precisely controlling the retraction or extension of the instrument. It would have been obvious to make the Schmidt retraction/extension mechanism screw-type so that it too would have this advantage.

Claims 5, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Pilmanis (5,810,862). Pilmanis discloses marking component 16 (which is inherently capable of making a mark on a lens capsule) configurable to a desired shape and size (during its assembly, depending on the number of needles 17 which are selected as indicated in col. 2, lines 24-35) and delivery mechanism 12 which is inherently capable of being inserted into an anterior chamber of an eye due to the small size of the distal end of the delivery mechanism 12 as seen in figure 2. Alternatively, it would have been obvious that component 16 is capable of making a mark on a lens capsule since the dye on the needles 17 (described in the abstract and col. 1, lines 8-35) would apparently mark the lens capsule.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Thaler whose telephone number is (571) 272-4704. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anhtuan T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-4963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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